

the top sheet is formed of a thermoplastic resin containing a ~~particulate material~~ at least two differently sized particulate materials having a mean particle size in a range of between 0.1 μ m and 30 μ m, each mean particle differing in size from each other by at least 9 μ m, and

the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet and a plurality of protrusions extending from the body facing surface of said top sheet, said fine convex portions including ~~first fine convex portions~~ small-size particles defined by exposing a part of a first particulate material having a first ~~grain particle~~ particle size and ~~second fine convex portions~~ large-size particles defined by exposing a part of a second particulate material having a second ~~grain particle~~ particle size which is greater than said first ~~grain particle~~ particle size, and a height of each protrusion from the body facing surface is larger than that of each ~~fine convex portion~~ small-size particle therefrom ~~so that apexes of respective protrusions extend toward a wearer's skin beyond apexes of said fine convex portions to define contact points which contact the wearer's skin,~~ and

a mean height of the protrusions from the surface of the top sheet is in a range between 0.05 mm and 1.0 mm.

16. (Currently Amended) A top sheet including a number of perforations for covering a liquid-receiving surface of an absorbent article, wherein;

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the top sheet is provided with fine convex portions defined by exposing a part of the particulate ~~material~~ materials on a body facing surface of the top sheet, said fine convex portions including ~~first fine~~

